J. M. PARKER, from the Committee on Judiciary, submitted the following report: MR. SPEAKER:

Your Committee on Judiciary, to whom was referred house file No. 497, a bill for an act to legalize judgments and decrees in certain cases, beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration, and have instructed me to report the same back to the house with the recommendation that it do pass.

Ordered passed on file:

J. M. PARKER, Chairman.

HOUSE FILE NO. 497.]

BY STOCKTON.

A BILL

FOR AN ACT TO LEGALIZE JUDGMENTS IN CERTAIN CASES.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa, That in all actions in the district and circuit courts of this state, concerning which no litigation is now pending, wherein judgments and decrees have been rendered upon service by publication, said service shall be deemed sufficient: provided, the petition was filed by the time specified in the notice and ten clear days before the term; and the affidavit of non-residence was made and filed before judgment. And such judgments and decrees shall be held as valid and of the same force, both in law and equity, as if the petition and affidavit of non-residence in such cases had been filed before publication of notice.